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SUBJ: SWAZI THERMAL POWER PROJECT

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1. SWAZI MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS MET WITH OFFICIALS AT IBRD INCLUDING PRESIDENT MCNAMARA, AT SOME LENGTH REGARDING PROPOSED THERMAL POWER PROJECT. (REFTEL A) BANK OFFICIALS AND SWAZI EMBASSY HAVE TOLD DEPT. THEY WERE PLEASED AND CAME AWAY HOPEFUL.

2. WORLD BANK SWAZI DESK OFFICER TOLD DEPT. THAT BANK HAD MADE NO COMMITMENT TO PROJECT BUT HAD AGREED TO ASSIST GOS AS ADVISOR AND OBSERVER IN NEXT STEP; NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA OVER PRICE AND TERMS. BANK OFFICIALS SAID SWAZIS HAD ASKED FOR \$150 MILLION AT 1973 PRICES BUT BANK ESTIMATES ULTIMATE COST OF PROJECT WILL APPROACH \$200 MILLION.

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3. SWAZI AMBASSADOR TOLD DEPT. THAT SWAZI/SA NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BEGIN IN MARCH. HE ADDED THAT MAIN RESISTANCE TO PROJECT AT BANK HAD BEEN BASED ON HIGH COST OF PROJECT RELATIVE TO SWAZILAND'S SMALL POPULATION BUT THAT HE BELIEVED BANK WOULD FIND MONEY FOR SWAZILAND. HE HAD WORDS OF PRAISE FOR AMERICAN LAWYER/ENTREPRENEUR NORTHCUTT ELY WHO WILL PROBABLY BE MEMBER OF SWAZI TEAM IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

4. SWAZI HOPES REGARDING THIS AND OTHER PROJECTS CLEARLY RELATE TO INTENSITY OF SWAZI UNHAPPINESS OVER NEGATIVE IDA REPLENISHMENT VOTE BY HOUSE. (REFTEL B). KISSINGER

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